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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON AMERICANS IN PRISON IN MEXICO

COMPLAINTS OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY

REF: STATE 154985

1. EMBASSY WELL AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND IN INDIVIDUAL CASES MAKES REPRESENTATIONS TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. IT IS NOT, HOWEVER, CONFINED TO THE TIME OF ARREST BUT MAY OCCUR IN PRISON WHILE AWAITING OR SERVING SENTENCE. IT IS ALSO LINKED TO THE MAYOR (TRUSTEE) SYSTEM IN MEXICAN JAILS WHICH WAS AN ELEMENT IN THE RECENT RENNA AND BEASLEY CASE (SEE MEXICO'S 5474 AND 5580). PROBLEM OF ABUSE OF POWERS BY MAYORES WAS RAISED BY MINISTER AND CONGEN IN JUNE 18 MEETING WITH DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBA LEYVA AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION BY CONOFFS WITH ALBA'S ASSISTANT.

2. EMBASSY NOW CONSIDERING BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM INCLUDING RAISING IT AT HIGHER LEVELS OF GOM, FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, BU ITSELF OR TOGETHER WITH PROBLEMS OF NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS. SINCE MOST AMERICANS ARE ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES, A FEDERAL OFFENSE, THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE THOSE PRIMARILY INVOLVED REGARDLESS OF WHERE IN MEXICO THE ARREST OCCURS.

3. WE HOPE TO HAVE MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS SOON, PERHAPS LATER THIS WEEK ON NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS PROBLEMS AND MAY RAISE IT THEN.

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4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER ON EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH
THIS PROBLEM.
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